GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CONSUMER WELFARE FUND
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Consumer Welfare Fund" has been set up in all the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not setting up this kind of "Consumer Welfare Fund" in all the States, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Union Government regarding proper utilization of Consumer Welfare Fund for the protection of the interest of consumers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR.AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Consumer Welfare Fund has been set up in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim, Uttaranchal and Tripura.

(c) : In the case of Tamil Nadu, State Consumer Welfare Fund has been set up and transfer of central share to the State Consumer Welfare Fund is in process. Regarding other States/UTs, no information has been received from them regarding crediting of their share to the fund.

(d) & (e): Model Guidelines on the pattern of Central Consumer Welfare Fund have been sent to the States/UTs to prepare their own guidelines.